

**THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 22-01
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 22-07
(Rescinding Local Rule No. 3-11-1997)**

**IN RE: RESCISSION OF LOCAL
RULE 3-11-1997, FAMILY DIVISION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Rule 3-11-1997, approved by the Supreme Court of Florida on March 11, 1997, procedures were established that required Self-Represented Litigants (Pro Se Parties) in the Family Division of the Circuit Court to acquire and utilize the Eleventh Judicial Circuit forms packet or forms substantially in compliance therewith at a cost not to exceed Thirty-Five (\$35.00) Dollars.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Rule 12.750, Family Law Rules, adopted after the Local Rule, a chief judge, by administrative order, may establish a self-help program to facilitate access to family courts. The purpose of a self-help program is to assist self-represented litigants to achieve a fair and efficient resolution of their family law case; and

WHEREAS, Rule 12.750 further provided that self-help programs may require self-represented litigants to pay the cost of services provided for by this rule, provided that the charge for persons who are indigent is substantially reduced or waived; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Rule 12.750, Family Law Rules, the Eleventh Circuit Court has entered Administrative Orders, from time to time, increasing the costs of these services that exceed the maximum amount set forth in the Local Rule in an effort to ensure quality services remain available to these litigants.

WHEREAS, considering the need to increase the cost of these self-help services, when necessary, while continuing to substantially reduce or waive the cost to persons who are indigent, a majority of judges agree that the Local Rule is obsolete and should be rescinded.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, under Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

Local Rule 3-11-1997 is hereby **RESCINDED**.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 9th day of June 2022.

**NUSHIN SAYFIE, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**